

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : John Jianhua Chen
For: MOISTURE CROSS LINKABLE BALLOON
MATERIALS
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Dear Examiner:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2002.

In the Claims

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Please cancel claims 20-30 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows.

H/Z 15. (Amended) The balloon catheter of Claim 13 wherein Y is an alkoxy of C₁ to C₄.

Please add the following new claim.

31- (New) A method of making the catheter balloon of claim 12 comprising the steps of:

a) providing said at least one polymeric material at or above its melt temperature;